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Alicia,
I have a few comments. I think we should include clarity of what existed before hand especially with cultural and grazing. It would be easier to read if the questions were bolded or italics or something differentiating them from the answer.

Thanks

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 10:04 AM, Styles, Alicia <astyles@blm.gov> wrote:

Mike and Jared--

Based on our conversation earlier this week, I drafted a response for the EO review of the National Monuments. Please review carefully and edit. Let me know if we need to get more specific info from specialists so I can track those down next week, if needed.

I don't have any more info from WO or the State Office on how the data will be input.

Thanks!

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Call for Data Related to Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)

Please help us gather information about each of the items listed below, for each of the National Monuments listed below in Table 1.

1. Documents Requested

- a. Resource Management Plans/Land Use Plans
The RMP for the area is in progress.

- b. Record of Decision

The RMP for the area is in progress.

- c. Public Scoping Documents

The Scoping Report is attached.

- d. Presidential Proclamation

The Proclamation is attached.

2. Information on activities permitted at the Monument, including annual levels of activity from the **date of designation to the present**

- a. Recreation annual visits to site

We do not have established methods for tracking visitors across the monument. Visitation numbers can be estimated using trail register voluntary sign in sheets at public sites, such as White River Narrows Archaeological District, Mt. Irish Archaeological District, and Shooting Gallery public rock art site. BLM continues to grant Special Recreation Permits on a case by case basis.

- b. Energy annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

There has been no production of energy in this area. However, several parcels were leased for oil and gas prior to designation, which are recognized as valid existing rights. An Application for a Permit to Drill (APD) was approved in February 2016. No parcels have been leased for oil and gas since designation.

There is no energy transmission infrastructure on site.

- c. Minerals annual mineral production on site

There is no locatable mineral production on site. There are three existing gravel pits that are used by Lincoln County for road maintenance. These permits are current and have not expired.

- d. Timber annual timber production on site (in board feet, CCF, or similar measure)

There are no timber resources in this monument.

- e. Grazing annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

There have been no changes in AUMs permitted since designation. Individual permittees may adjust the amount of AUMs they use based on land health, resource conditions, or individual reasons.

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- f. Subsistence participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available
There are no subsistence activities occurring on site. Hunting is permitted by the State of Nevada, and the entire monument is open to hunting.

- g. Cultural list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available
A very small percentage of the area has been inventoried for cultural resources. Based on what has been inventoried, there are hundreds of documented cultural resource sites within the monument.

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2. Information on activities occurring during the 5 years prior to designation

- a. Recreation annual visits to site

We did not have established methods for tracking visitors to this area prior to designation. Visitation numbers could be estimated using trail register voluntary sign in sheets at public sites, such as White River Narrows Archaeological District, Mt. Irish Archaeological District, and Shooting Gallery public rock art site. BLM granted Special Recreation Permits on a case by case basis in this area prior to designation.

- b. Energy annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

There was no production of energy in this area in the 5 years prior to designation. Several parcels were leased for oil and gas prior to designation. Prior to designation, some parcels were denied for oil and gas leasing in the area due to Visual Resource Management constraints. An Application for a Permit to Drill (APD) was submitted prior to designation and approved in February 2016 (after designation).

There was no energy transmission infrastructure on site during the 5 years prior to designation.

One of the proposed routes for the Yucca Mountain rail corridor was withdrawn for a right of way within the area prior to designation as Basin and Range National Monument. The withdrawal for the right of way expired on Dec. 31, 2015.

- c. Minerals annual mineral production on site

There was no locatable mineral production on site during the 5 years prior to designation. There are three existing gravel pits that were used by Lincoln County for road maintenance prior to designation and are currently still in use.

- d. Timber annual timber production on site (in board feet, CCF, or similar measure)
There are no timber resources in this monument.

- e. Grazing annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

The number of AUMs permitted was the same prior to designation as after designation. Individual permittees may adjust the amount of AUMs they use based on land health, resource conditions, or individual reasons.

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f. Subsistence participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available

There were no subsistence activities occurring on site prior to designation. Hunting is permitted by the State of Nevada. The entire monument was open to hunting prior to designation and remains open following designation.

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g. Cultural list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

A very small percentage of the area has been inventoried for cultural resources. Based on what has been inventoried, there are hundreds of documented cultural resource sites within the monument.

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3. Information on activities that likely would have occurred annually from the date of designation to the present if the Monument had not been designated

a. Recreation annual visits to site

Methods for tracking visitors across the monument would not change if the monument had not been designated. BLM would continue to grant Special Recreation Permits on a case by case basis.

b. Energy annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

There are no coal resources in this area. Four oil wells have been drilled in Coal Valley over the past 50 years, with the most recent drilling in 1996. An oil show was observed on one well, but the well was not developed. Given the history of no energy production in this area, it is reasonable to assume little to no production would occur here if the monument had not been designated. However, parcels would continue to be leased for oil and gas in this area if the monument had not been designated. Certain areas would potentially not be leased in the future due to Visual Resource Management constraints even if the area were not a monument.

There has not been energy transmission infrastructure in this area, but it could occur if the monument had not been designated.

c. Minerals annual mineral production on site

Locatable mineral production would be allowed if the area were not a monument. There are three existing gravel pits in use by Lincoln County for road maintenance. When these pits expire, they would likely apply for new permits and be authorized if the area were not a monument.

d. Timber annual timber production on site (in board feet, CCF, or similar measure)

There are no timber resources in this monument.

e. Grazing annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

The number of AUMs permitted would not change if the monument were designated or not. Nothing in the Proclamation affects authorizations for livestock grazing. Individual permittees may adjust the amount of AUMs they use based on land health, resource conditions, or individual reasons.

f. Subsistence participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available

There are no subsistence activities in this area. Hunting is permitted by the State of Nevada.

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g. Cultural list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

A very small percentage of the area has been inventoried for cultural resources. Based on what has been inventoried, there are hundreds of documented cultural resource sites within the monument.

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4. Changes to boundaries dates and changes in size

There have been no boundary changes to this monument.

5. Public Outreach prior to Designation outreach activities conducted and opportunities for public comment

Harry Reid introduced two bills requesting designation of the area as a National Monument in the past. There was also a proposal to designate the area as a National Conservation Area in the past. Sentiment against designation of the area as a National Monument or National Conservation Area has been expressed in Lincoln County. Sentiment in support of designation of the area as a National Monument has been expressed in Clark County. A public meeting was held by Harry Reid and Dina Titus in February 2015 in Clark County at which approximately 300 people expressed support of Basin and Range and Gold Butte National Monuments. There was some degree of outreach to local elected officials prior to the designation of the area.

6. Terms of Designation

Not applicable. See attached Proclamation.

Table 1. List of National Monuments Included in Review (per Dol Press Release dated May 5, 2017)

National Monument	Location	Managing Agency
Basin and Range	Nevada	BLM
Bears Ears	Utah	BLM, USFS
Berryessa Snow Mountain	California	USFS, BLM
Canyons of the Ancients	Colorado	BLM
Carizzo Plain	California	BLM
Cascade Siskiyou	Oregon	#N/A
Craters of the Moon	Idaho	NPS, BLM
Giant Sequoia	California	USFS
Gold Butte	Nevada	BLM
Grand Canyon Parashant	Arizona	BLM, NPS
Grand Staircase Escalante	Utah	BLM
Hanford Reach	Washington	FWS, DOE
Ironwood Forest	Arizona	BLM
Mojave Trails	California	BLM
Organ Mountains Desert Peaks	New Mexico	BLM
Río Grande del Norte	New Mexico	BLM
Sand to Snow	California	BLM, USFS
San Gabriel Mountains	California	USFS
Sonoran Desert	Arizona	BLM
Upper Missouri River Breaks	Montana	BLM
Vermilion Cliffs	Arizona	BLM
Katahdin Woods and Waters	Maine	NPS
Marianas Trench	CNMI/Pacific Ocean	FWS
Northeast Canyons and Seamounts	Atlantic Ocean	NOAA, FWS
Pacific Remote Islands	Pacific Ocean	FWS
Papahānaumokuākea	Hawai'i/Pacific Ocean	NOAA, FWS
Rose Atoll	American Sāmoa/Pacific Ocean	FWS